



We always ask the bus driver's permission before we open a window. We never put our heads or arms out of the window.



We are very careful when we leave the bus. We look both ways before we cross the road. If there are school bus safety patrols, we obey them.

Your school bus operator asks you to sign this safety pledge.

- 1 I promise to be at the bus stop on time. I will not stand or play on the road while waiting for the bus.
- 2 I promise to stand in line when getting on the bus. I will always use the handrail.
- 3 I promise to go to my seat promptly, and stay in it until it is time for me to leave the bus. If I must stand up, I will hold on tightly.
- 4 I promise that I will not throw things in the bus or out of the window.
- 5 I promise to ask the bus driver's permission before opening a window. I will not put my head or arms out of the window.
- 6 I promise to be quiet when I am on the school bus. I will be especially quiet at railway crossings.
- 7 I promise to keep my feet, my books and other things out of the aisle.
- 8 I promise to be very careful when I leave the bus. If I must cross the road, I will walk ten feet in front of the bus so the driver can see me. I will look both ways for cars before crossing. If there are school bus safety patrols, I will obey them.

My name is . . . . .  
I go to . . . . . school  
on a school bus.

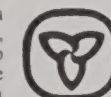
An important message to parents



Drivers have a big responsibility . . . but school bus safety is *your* responsibility too

Your children are in good hands when they ride the school bus. Drivers are well trained, and very conscientious about their important responsibilities. But they need *your* help in keeping your children safe. Please make sure your children know the safety rules in this folder. They are all vital to safety. Please put special emphasis on the need for quietness. If you've ever driven a car with two or three noisy children, you know how difficult it can be to concentrate on the traffic. Imagine how difficult it would be with a bus load of thirty or forty noisy children!

There is much you can do for school bus safety as a *motorist*, too. Make a habit of being just a little extra cautious whenever you're driving near a school bus.

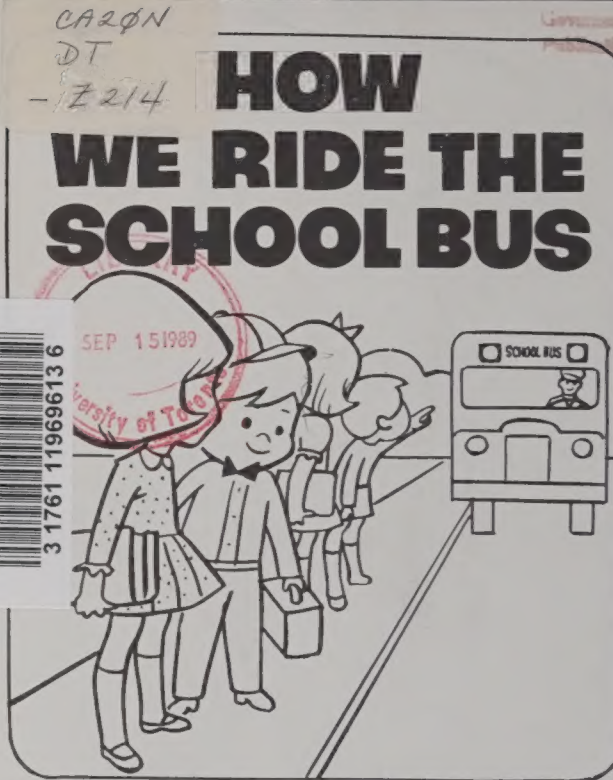


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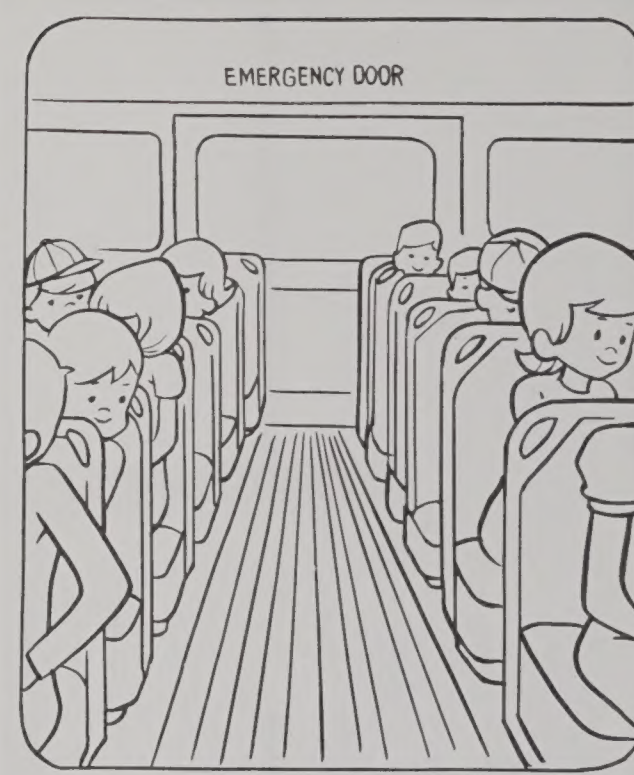
We get on the bus in single file without crowding and pushing. We always hold on to the handrail.



We sit down right away. If we must stand up because there are no seats, we hold on tightly.



We never throw things in the bus or out of the bus window.



We keep the aisle clear of feet, books, lunch boxes and musical instruments.



We are quiet all the time so the bus driver can hear the horns of cars and trucks. We are especially quiet at railway crossings.





# School Bus Safety is your responsibility too!



## Remind your parents of these important Safety Rules

The law applies everywhere regardless of the posted speed limit - on highways, county roads, city, town or village streets. Motorists **meeting** a stopped school bus with red lights flashing must stop unless they are on a highway divided by a median strip. Motorists **overtaking** a stopped school bus with red lights flashing on **any** highway, must always stop **at least 20 metres** before reaching the bus. In both cases, motorists may not proceed until the bus resumes motion, or the lights have stopped flashing.

Conviction for failure to stop when required carries a fine of \$100 to \$500 for a first offence; for each subsequent offence a fine of \$250 to \$1,000, or imprisonment for up to six months, or both and an assessment of 6 demerit points.



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# School bus drivers have a big responsibility but . . .

# These School Bus rules are designed for your safety



## Get to the bus stop on time

A last minute dash for the bus could take you into the path of a speeding car. So be on time, and wait in line for the bus on the sidewalk or shoulder. Set a good example for younger children.

## Take your seat promptly

Make sure you are in your seat before the bus starts. Remain in your seat until you arrive at your destination. If you have to stand up because all seats are filled, hold on tightly.

## Keep it quiet

Driving a school bus is a big responsibility that calls for complete concentration. Noise and horseplay can be very distracting for the driver. Moreover, he must be able to hear traffic sounds to drive safely.



## Don't throw things in the bus

A school bus is no place for games. You could injure one of your schoolmates. Even a piece of paper thrown at another student could distract the driver's attention from the road at a vital moment.

## Keep the window closed

Ask the driver's permission before you open a window. Never put your head or arms out of the window . . . and never throw anything out.

## Be careful when you leave the bus

Stand well back when the bus drives away. If you must cross the road, walk ten feet in front of the bus so the driver can see you. Look both ways before you cross the street. If your school has safety patrols, obey them.